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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES IN REF A PARA 5, PANAM ADVISES US AS FOLLOWS: A) THERE WILL BE NO PASSENGERS ON CARGO PLANE; B) THERE WILL BE PERSONAL BAGGAGE, SOME HOLD BAGGAGE AND SOME MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT CARRIED ON PASSENGER PLANE.

2. TIME FOR SEPTEMBER 22 CHARTER FLIGHTS TO PICK UP ORCHESTRA AND EQUIPMENT HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET (YOUR QUESTION IN REF B PARA 2). THIS DEPENDS ON WHEN ORCHESTRA WANTS TO LEAVE SHANGHAI, AND WHEN IT WISHES TO ARRIVE AT FAIRBANKS TO CLEAR ENTRANCE FORMALITIES. PANAM WILL CONSULT WITH ORCHESTRA OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA AND WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE ANY NEWS.

3. REF C PARA 1 REPORTED THAT FLIGHT ENGINEER J. W. LAMAR

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MIGHT NOT ACCOMPANY SEPT 12 CARGO CHARTER, AND REF D

REPORTED LAMAR WOULD MAKE SEPT 12 FLIGHT AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED. LATEST INFORMATION FROM PANAM IS THAT LAMAR DID NOT LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO WITH REMAINDER OF CARGO FLIGHT CREW AND HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ON THE SEPT 12 FLIGHT INTO CHINA; INSTEAD JACK D. BARNWELL WILL ACT AS FLIGHT ENGINEER, AS REPORTED IN REF C PARA 2. WE HOPE THIS IS THE LAST OF THE LAMAR SAGA.

4. REF E PARA 1 REPORTED THAT CABIN CREW MEMBERS SPENCER AND SUN PROBABLY WOULD NOT MAKE SEPT 12 FLIGHT AND WOULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY J. L. SMITH AND D. SULLIVAN (PARA 2). PANAM HAS JUST TOLD US THAT SUN ALSO WILL PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY SEPT 22 FLIGHT (AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN REF F PARA 1B), BUT REPLACEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. RUSH

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